### PRICE ONE CENT

# **ALLIES LOSE TWO** MINE SWEEPERS, ATHENS REPORTS

'Anglo-French War-Ships Batter Big Turkish Forts Along Dardanelles.

Reported Plan to Land Troops on Peninsula of Gallipoli to Cut Communication With Constantinople-Big Shells Raze Sultan's Defenses.

Superdreadnought Leads Attacking Forces-Ottoman Capital in Terror and Porte Summarily Halts Campaigns in Caucasus and Along the Suez Canal.

ATHENS, March 1. Turkish destroyers are reported in a dispatch from Tenedos to have attacked Anglo-French mine aweepers in the Dardanelles that night, sinking two of them.

LONDON, March L Sixteen miles inside the Dardanelles the greatest fleet ever assembled for a bombardment is smashing the defenses of Constantinople into ruins today. A lighthouse south of Fort Killd Bahr, on the European side, has been demolished. Hurthy and the supportance of the support of ling 1950-pound projectiles, the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth already has inflicted severe damage on the fort itself, one of the strongest in Eastern Europe. Unconfirmed reports were published here today that the Allies will seize the Penintoday that the Allies will seize the Penin-lula of Gallipoli at its narrowest part near Bulair and cut the European forts off from communication with Constanti-nople. One report had it that this feat actually has been accomplished by land-ing parties in the Gulf of Saros. Military experts, however, did not credit it. They pointed out that large bodies of Turks on the European side of the strait could cut their way through the isthmus by weight of numbers. weight of numbers.

Other reports received here today said Other reports received here today said that not only the giant Queen Elizabeth, but at least one of her sister fighting monsters is training her 15-inch guns upon the Sultah's fortifications. The Admiralty refused to confirm this. For many weeks nothing has been known here of the whereabouts of the newest dreadnoughts. From Athens and Cairo today came dispatches indicating that the Ottoman capital is in a state of terror. The Turk-ish General Staff has summarily halted the Turkish campaigns in the Caucasus

nd along the Suez Canal. The Anglo-French fleet has suffered insignificant damage thus far. Superior in

Concluded on Page Four WHEAT CONTINUES TO FALL

May Drops to \$1.491/2 Fifteen Min-

utes After Opening. CHICAGO, March 1-Continued succes es of the allied bombardment of the Dardanelles' fortifications sent May wheat lown to \$1.51 per bushel at the o today. July wheat dropped to \$1.22. These were losses of 2½ and 2% cents, respectively, since the close Saturday.

Fifteen minutes after the opening, May

wheat dropped to 1:491/2 and July to \$1.21%

THE WEATHER



of just what particular animal March came in this morning. Did you happen to be standing at the corner of Broad and Chestnut streets with a more or less biting wind roaring around the office buildings there, undoubtedly your thoughts were of lions. On the other hand, did you wander into a side street where a warm sun made the wearing of a coat uncomfortable, lambs were probably the first thought in your mind. So aside from the difficulty of foretelling weather conditions with any degree of acobtaining at the moment Whether March finishes up as a lion or not remains to be seen. But we are going to finish up with one of a different sort We mean a last line!

for \$50,000.

Jacob Ruppert, president of the Yankees.

"I would like to get Haker for the

Yankees and made Mack a flat offer of

\$25,000 for him," said Ruppert. "Mack

came back, saying that he would sell

Baker but that the price was \$50,000. That

is more than I will pay. I think Baker

hands the moment the deal is closed."

A. Gignore, of the Federal League, de-

clares that Home-run Baker is to be

"I know the 'inside' of the entire mat-

ter," he declared, "but can't tell you any

Orphan Home Quarantined

BARRE, Vt., March 1.—Five thousand granite workers balloted here today on a question of going on strike to enforce their demand for higher wages. The unions and manufacturers have failed to agree on a new wage scredule. Work was supported today to permit the taking of

transferred to the New York Yankees.

very shortly after.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinityair tonight and Tuesday, with no deided change in temperature; moderate winds, mostly northwest. For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia

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On the Pacific Coast

very shortly after.

"I was planning to go after Baker myself, but when I heard of the plan to
shift him to New York I gave up. Baker
will be a wonderful drawing card, and
they can afford to pay him much more
money than they can in Philadelphia. San Diego-Weather, cloudy; temperature, 54 Almanac of the Day

Sixty-four children are under quarantine at the Odd Fellows' Orphanage. Chelten and Ogonts avenues. Germantown. The institution, which is one of the largest in the city, was quarantined following the discovery of a case of scartetina. The child was immediately removed to the Municipal Hospital and the building furnigated by the authorities. Lamps to Be Lighted Autos and other vehicles ..... 6:19 p. The Tides

PORT RICHMOND.

HESENUT STREET WHARP 8 50 p.m. 1:50 4 m. BEEDY ISLAND BREAKWATER.

DAMAGED SHIP DRIFTING

New York Reports Vessel With Propeller Blades Missing.

NEW YORK, March 1.-An unidentified teamship with all propeller blades missing is dritting near the middle of the Atlantic, according to the log of the New York. It is thought to be the Tritonian, but is unknown here. All aboard are safe, according to the wireless received by the New York,

REPUBLICAN COUP

BLOCKS SHIP BILL Filibuster Upsets Plan to Rush Con-

ference Report Through House. WSHINGTON, March 1 .- A Republican coup today blocked action on the ship purchase bill.

With the ways greased for hasty approval of the conference report in the House an unexpected Republican filibuster threw the Democrats into confusion and forced postponement of consideration, probably until tomorrow.

A strenuous program faced Congress in he murch toward final adjournment Thursday.

The House bore the biggest burden. It net at noon. Early morning and night The House bore the biggest burden. It met at noon. Early morning and night sessions are the program for the remainder of the session, with continuous sessions almost certain later this week.

Rural credits legislation, in the agricultural appropriation bill, was taken up by the Flouse Agricultural Committee early today. The bill may be brought out late today for final decision, and her control of the control today for final decision and be passed on

to the Senate.

Numerous Senate conference reports on appropriation bills were prepared to date. The rivers and harbors and Indian appropriations were the principal unfinished Senate business. It was deemed certain the rivers and harbors measure would be cut down to carry only enough to conbe cut down to carry only enough to continue present projects.

ASSAULTS OF FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE PROVE

Terrific Drive Made Upon Intrenched Positions of Kaiser's Troops Repulsed With Heavy Loss. French Assert They Gained.

COSTLY, SAYS BERLIN

Russians Take 18,000 Prisoners in North Poland, Petrograd Says, Claiming 11 Miles Gain-Berlin Admits Retirement From Przasnysz.

Desperate assaults by two French army corps upon the intrenched German positions in the Champagne region were repulsed with heavy loss, accordat Berlin. The attack developed into Martin. the flercest engagement of the last two

along a front of more than a mile they gained the advanced lines of German trenches, which they held and made part of their own outer works.

In the Argonne the French also made attacks, which the Berlin report as- his wife's body.

LIQUOR BILLS REPORTED

'Gallon a Month" Bill and Hazel Law Repealer in Delaware Legislature. DOVER. Del., March 1.-Submitting its first report on the 16 liquor and antiliquor bills introduced in the Legislature, the House Committee on Temperance today approved Representative Hill's "gallon a month" bill and Representative

for a vote tomorrow. The Hill bill limits whisky drinkers to a gallon a month or about two drinks, of calendar month.

Rash's bill to repeal the Hazel intra-state

shipping law. The bills will be called up

TWO END LIVES AFTER WIFE OBJECTS TO BEER

Woman Shoots Herself and Husband Follows Suit.

CHICAGO, March L-A woman's pride, hurt because her husband insisted on bringing beer into the house on the Sabbath, resulted in a double suicide. The victims were Durward B. Martin, formerly ing to the official report issued today of Alden, N. Y., and his wife, Elizabeth

The couple quarreled last night because the husband insisted on going out for The French War Office, however, de- beer. The woman waited on the front nies that their troops were repulsed in porch until she saw her husband returnthe Champagne district and assert that ing with six bottles of the liquor under his arm. Then she placed a revolver to her breast and fired, falling dead. Neighbors rushed out in time to see Martin bend over her and bear him say: "If you go, I'll go, too, little pal." Then he picked up the weapon and fired a bullet into his head, falling dead over

WILD CHARGE OF THE MOST-FEARED TROOPS IN THE ARMY OF THE CZAR, THE COSSACKS

## BRITAIN PROCLAIMS IRONCLAD EMBARGO AGAINST GERMANY

Entitled to Use Any Kind of Economic Pressure, Asquith Tells Parliament in Making Announcement of Blockade.

two ounces each, for each day of the Ban Placed on All Other Commodities as Well as Foodstuffs - Commons Votes War Credit of \$185,000,000.

LONDON, March 1.

Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that the British Government had decided to prevent commodities of any kind from reaching Germany or leaving that coun-

This means that no foodstuffs of any kind will be allowed to reach Germany. The Embargo will also be extended to raw materials.

This action was taken by the British Government in retallation for Germany's submarine warfare against English merchant shipping.

England will now try to starve Germany into submission. It is believed that the embargo of the British Government on foodstuffs and raw material will inLINER PASSES "WAR ZONE"

Steamship New York Home With 221 Passengers. NEW YORK, March 1.-The American Line steamship New York, bearing 221

passengers, arrived today from Liverpool after an uneventful voyage, although all her lifeboats were swung outward from their davits for immediate use in case she was attacked by a German submarine. The New York came through the "war zone" waters off the western coast of the British Isles under cover of darkness. being convoyed by four torpedoboat de-

LIVERPOOL, March 1-The American liner St. Louis arrived here today with 200 passengers. She reported her trip from New York without incident.

BOMB, SENT ABOARD AS "ICE," BLOWS UP GUNBOAT; 30 DEAD

Mexican War Craft Destroyed in Harbor of Progresso.

GALVESTON, Tex., March 1.-Thirty persons, including five women, were killed vesterday when the Mexican gunboat Progresso was blown up, supposedly by a bomb, in the harbor of Progresso, Mexico.

This information reached Galveston today in a cablegram to the Mexican Consulate. The cablegram stated that the bomb was evidently sent aboard in a box labeled "ice."

Fire Sweeps Boston Wharf BOSTON, March 1 .- Four business establishments were burned out early tothe embargo of the British Government on foodstuffs and raw material will in-crease the activities of the German sub-section. The loss was \$20,000.

## E. T. STOTESBURY **DEFENDS POLICY** OF TRANSIT CO.

Ignores Taylor's Charge That P. R. T. Officials Broke Faith With City.

Makes Denial of Charges That "Power Higher Up" Which Inspired "Joker" Ordinance Was Any One Connected With P. R. T.

Mayor Puts Transit Delay Squarely Up to the Company's Directors, in Warm Exchange of Telegrama With Traction Magnate, Now on a Vacation at Palm Beach.

Edward T, Stotesbury, chairman of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, and the dominating head of the company, in a telegram to Thomas E. Mitten, given out at noon today, made an absolute and unqualified denial of the charge that the Transit Company was the "power higher up" which has been secretly blocking the Taylor program for real rapid transit in Philadelphia.

Mr. Stotesbury, in the telegram, made no reference to the accusation of Director Taylor that he and some of his associates on the transit company board had not lived up to the co-operative agreement between the company and the city in that they had failed to use their best efforts to secure the co-operation of the Union Traction Company. The accusation which he denounces as

"absolutely false" was couched in the terms of an open challenge to the company made by Director Norris at the Academy mass meeting last Wednesday, night. Director Norris publicly called upon the P. R. T. officials to disown the "trick" ordinance introduced by Councils' Finance Committee unless they were willing to bear the odium of being considered the men "higher up."

This accusation Mr. Stotesbury branded

as "a calumnious attack upon my per-sonal integrity," deploring the fact that Director Norris had made it at a time when he was in Florida.

SAYS P. R. T. CREDIT IS HURT. Ignoring entirely the charge of Director Taylor that he had not used his influence to bring about Union Traction co-operation, Mr. Stotesbury indicated that the "ill-advised attacks" upon the credit of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company had seriously threatened any co-operative agreement between the city and the P. R. T. at the present time.

The injury to the credit of the company through the attacks, and the bad

financial conditions throughout the country "make the realization of this expectation at the present time impracticable,"
Mr. Stotesbury said, and he adds that he
had advised Mayor Blankenburg of his opinion before leaving for Florida.

Administration circles endeavored to divine the logic of one point in Mr. Stotesbury's telegram this afternoon. Mr. Stotesbury expressed regret that the at-tracks were made during his absence.

adding later that on account of the at-tacks the Rapid Transit Company might now be unable to enter into a co-operative agreement with the city. At the con-clusion of the telegram he stated that he advised Mayor Blankenburg of the prob-able results of these "ill-advised attacks" before he left for Florida. Administra-tion circles in City Hall asked how he could have advised the Mayor of the could have advised the Mayor of the effect of the attacks several days before Director Norris and Director Taylor made any public statement involving the Rapid Transit Company.

Director Taylor, when shown a copy of the telegram, merely smiled and said that the telegram, merely smiled and said that he would have no statement to make. It was understood at City Hall that if the statements of Mr. Stotesbury were to be taken as indicative of the final attitude of the transit company toward any co-operative agreement with the city, Director Taylor would now advocate the construction of the Chestnut street subway by the city to complete the comprehensive system of city-built lines. hensive system of city-built lines

MR. STOTESBURY'S TELEGRAM. The telegram from Mr. Stotesbury was received on Saturday, but was not made public until this morning, following a meeting of the Executive Committee. The meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee's statement follows:

At a meeting of the Executive Com-mittee, at which were present Mesara, Mitten, Lloyd, Ingersoll and Packard, Mitten, Lloyd, Ingersoll and Packard, the following telegram from E. T. Stotesbury, at Palm Beach, was read and its publication authorized, all members of the committee subscribing to the facts therein contained:

The Breakers, Palm Beach, February 27, addressed to Thomas E. Mitten, Phila—The statements appearing in the public press to the effect mat either the Philadelphia Rapid Transeit Company, I personally at any either the Philadelphia Rapid Transeit Company, I personally or any other person affiliated with the company has conspired with memora of City Councils to defeat the plima for rapid transit development are, to that best of our knowledge and belief, absolutely and unqualifiedly false.

I regret that Messrs, Taylor and Norris should have chosen the time of my absence from Philadelphia to make Continued on Page Two

The Kensingtonian Says:

Sammy Blook is making a big her with the girls since he donned his hop floori

LOST AND FOUND

Leigt Saturday might, on Pennaries road train from New York, possel latering motors and early all the Stilled reward if retermed O Line

### forays into the enemy's territory, only to be wiped out by machine guns or cut up by heavy artillery. The same sort of accusations made against the Germans in Belgium by the Allies has been laid against the Cossacks in East Prussia by the Germans, who charge wanton murder and pillage. serts were also repulsed. German \$25,000 FOR BAKER troops still hold the positions which they captured in a four-mile drive east OFFERED BY YANKS of Badonviller, in French Lorraine.

brought to earth by German shells near Wervicg, north of Lille.

The French are making terrific ef-NEW YORK, March 1.-An offer of forts to push back the German forces \$25,000 for Frank Baker, the "home-run in the Champagne, and in the last five king," made by the New York Yankees, days have made 30 attacks. The adhas been refused by Connie Mack, of the vanced position of the Germans is only Athletics, who is holding out for \$50,000. 40 miles from Paris, admits the French This announcement was made today by | War Office.

Paris dispatches say the Belgians are attacking the extreme German right while artillery duels are on along the entire line. The German army in the Vosges has been reinforced.

Arrest of the German sweep from East Prussia and gain of territory in worth \$25,000--but no more. If Mack wants a new Russian advance are reported in to part with his third baseman for that today's announcement from the War amount, the cash will be placed in his Office. In some sectors of the Niemen-Bobr-Vistula front as much as II miles have been gained, and at other points, NEW YORK, March L-President James where counter-attacks have been frequent, from two to three miles have been made. Some 18,000 prisoners have fallen into Russian hands, it is officially asserted, and recapture of Przasnysz, in North Poland; Kolomea more about the case, as I am pledged to and Stanislau, in Galicia, is announced. secrecy. But he will be playing third base In the Przasnysz region fighting confor Donovan when the season opens, or tinues furious. On the Grodno end of Jurgent requests that had poured in on him the line, the offensive is reported with the Slave. In the Caucasus, Muscovite forces have driven the Turks to the River Khopatchi.

Berlin, acknowledging the resumed Slav offensive in North Poland, admits retreat north and west of the town, thus substantiating the Russian claim of reoccupation of the strategic town, and the presence of large bodies of fresh enemy troops northwest of Grodno. where, however, a counter-offensive threw these back to the fortified advance position near the stronghold. Eighteen hundred prisoners were taken there; the foe also was repulsed northwest of Ostrelenka and at Lomm.

DUTCH CALL OFFICERS TO DUTY THE HAGUE, March L-All Dutch offi-cers so furiouslis were ordered today to rejoin their regiments. This action was taken after a conference between the Foreign Minister and Gunta Wilhelmion.

That the Russian forces have not made further progress over the German and Austro-Hungarian frontiers is no fault of these horsemen, who have again and again led desperate

His "Day of Rest."

There will be no services at the Attendance.

Approximate grand total. 2,120,000 Converta. Yesterday marning ..... Yesterday afternoon ..... Last night 

Sermons. Preached to date ...... Remaining to be preached.

"Billy" Sunday addressed an audience of 1200 persons this afternoon when the pupils and teachers of the West Chester State Normal School assembled in the auditorium of the institution and cheered the evangelist until he quieted them by indicating that he would break his "day of rest" rule and preach at least a part of one of his sermons.

Mr. Sunday had not promised to deliver an address today, despite the many ever since it was announced that he would visit the historic town, but when Dr. George Morris Phillips, the principal of the school, told him that the girls had

anead.
"Hilly" and "Ma" left their Spring Gar-den street home at 8:30 o'clock this morn-ing, and motored through Fairmont Fark ing, and motored through Fairmont Fark to Montgomery Pike which they followed to Radnor, where they stopped to visit Old St. David's Church. The evangelist was much impressed with the little chapel and showed his familiarity with its history by asking where General Wayne's and Georse Washington's pews might be found. He quoted from Lonzfellow's poem on the old structure, as follows:

After leaving Radnor. Mr. and Mrs. Sunday went on by way of Green Tree and Malvern to Paolt where they locaed over the legitledeld. They then proceeded

narines in the "bread war" against Eng-

Premier Asquith's announcement is great importance to the United States and other neutral nations. England, France and Russia are united on the methods to be used to stop all foodstuffs cargoes consigned to Germany, as well as to her Austrian and Turkish allies. The Premier's announcement in effect declares a blockade of the German coast. Some ships may be able to run this block-ade, but the Admiralty officials are con-fident that not enough will be able to

get through to remove from Germany
the danger of starvation.

In giving a resume of the financial aspect of the war the Prime Minister said: pect of the war the Frince saids.

"The present vote of credit (the one moved today) is for \$185,000,000. The House of Commons on ugust 6 voted credits of \$500,000,000. On November 15 it voted another \$1,125,000,000. This brings the total asked for by votes of credit in 1914-1915 up to \$1,810,000,000."

credit in 1914-1915 up to \$1,810,000,000."

The total war expenditure after April 1 will be \$10,000,000 per day, said Premier Asquith. This includes the expenses of the army and navy and any extraordinary expenditures which might arrise.

"The Government has never been more confident of the power of the Allies to achieve an ultimate, durable victory than at present," declared the Prime Minister. This declaration brought forth a burst of appliause which swept he floor and applause which swept he floor and he galleries.

WASHINGTON, March L. The British and French Ambassadors called personally upon Secretary Bryan this afternoon to acquaint him with the Allies' plan for a "blockade" against Germany in reprisal for Germany's "death zone." This was done as a matter of the control of th international courtesy, previous to formal announcement of the plans by Premier

SURETY BONDS REDUCED

Employes in the offices of the City Treasury were delighted today by the announcement of City Treasurer McCoach that the amount of the personal surely bond each employe must file on the basis of his salary would be reduced from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent. Surety bonds were filed by the employes for 1915 today.

Premiums on the surety bonds are paid by the employes at a rate of 35 per \$1000 of surety.

Bill to Incorporate Wilson Home WASHINGTON, March 1-A bill incorportation the Ellen Wilson Mamorial Home in the District of Columbia, the gasociation for constructing model hurnes on a plan torged by the late Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, patred the Senute

## "NEAR MILLIONAIRES" INCREASE IN CITY

Photo by Eastman Kodak Company,

Income Tax Returns Show Number Has Increased From Three to Eleven.

THIEF SHOOTS POLICEMAN

Three Men Captured After Fight While Robbing Store.

Carrell was abot through the arm by one of three burglars captured in a street battle with robbers, who were caught red-handed in the store of Freeman Brothers, in Lincoln avenue, early today. A squad of reserves and the robbers fought from behind trees and from doorways in 30 minutes.

\$40,000 FIRE IN VILLAGE

Two Buildings Burn Early Today at Shoemakersville,

Small Fire at Y. M. C. A.

More than 200 men were so interested in the life story of George Long, superli-terdant of the Inamuch Mission, as the Central Huanch of the T. M. C. A., yea-terdan that they were unaware that a five man broken out in an adjoining room. The damage was triling.

### SUNDAY RELENTS AND making the momentous announce ment, Premier Asquith said: "There is no form of economic pressure which we do not consider ourselves en-titled to assert under existing conditions." PREACHES TO GIRLS The German Was Office save that the French are using shells which develop asphyxiating gas when exploded, but West Chester Normal School Connie Mack Reported Willing assert they did no damage. An Eng-Students Hear Evangelist on to Sell Slugger to New York lish aeroplane is reported to have been

SUNDAY CAMPAIGN STATISTICS

Yesterday morning ..... Yesterday afternoon ..... Last night .....

been waiting for more than an hour in the hope that he would relent he replied. "Well, Ma, if they want to hear me as had as all that I guess I'd better go

What an image of peace and real, to this little church amid Ha graves."

Philadelphia has three more "near millonaires" today than it had last summer, according to figures given out by Internal Revenue Collector Lederer, and there may be more. Returns made up till 2 o'clock this afternoon showed II incomes of \$500,000 or more, as against eight for last

Nineteen thousand income tax returns had been made at that hour, but the total of taxable incomes is estimated at but 16,000. Other incomes reported are those of married men, exempted by the law if their income a \$4000 a year or less. They are obliged to file returns, however. In addition, there were between 4600 and 4500 returns from corporations. Most of them came by mail. A steady stream of men and women passed into the building all day. The office will be open until midnight for the receipt of returns.

CHICAGO, March 1.-Policeman Joseph

POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 1 .- Pirs early today at Shoemakersville, near here, de stroyed the grocery store and warehous of J. H. Kelm and the Mansion House owned and occupied by M. B. Rentschler The total loss is estimated at \$60,000.